(d) what steps are being taken by Govt. In this regard indicating those taken to have a proper examination of all fishing vessels which were earlier owned by union Carbide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) During 1985 and 1986 permission has been given to Union Carbide to sell 8 fishing trawlers.

(b) No Sir, the fishing trawlers have been surveyed at intervals by the MMD Surveyors at Visakhapatnam as and when they were plying to sea;

(c) The Buyers which are registered companies, are expected to have bought the fishing trawlers after inspecting the vessels on "As is where is" basis and before plying, have to ensure that the trawlers is seaworthy as per provisions of Merchant Shipping Act.

(d) All fishing trawlers are issued a safety equipment record, valid generally for 2 years subject to general inspections at intervals, if considered necessary by the MMD Surveyors, and have to comply for life saving and fire fighting equipment, before plying, as per provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.

Doctor employed by Indian Railways

2890. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Allopathic, Homoeopathic, Unani and Ayurvedic Physicians employed in the Indian Railways;

(b) whether there is any proposal to augment their strength; and

(c) what is the total number of Allopathic, Homoeopathic, Unani and Ayurvedic dispensaries and Hospitals maintained by the Indian Railways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 2526 Allopathic Doctors on Indian Railways. No Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic or Unani Dactors are on the pay-rolls of the Railways.

(b) The medical services are augmented on need basis, subject to availability of funds.

(c) There are 107 Hospitals and 635 dispensaries under Allopathic systems on Indian Railways. In addition 77 Homoeopathic and 2 Ayurvedic dispensaries are functioning under the aegis of the Railway Staff Benefit Fund Scheme.

Vocational courses

2891. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States and Union Territories which have introduced vocational courses at the higher secondary stage; and

(b) what are the details of progress made in these States and Union Territories in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) A statement containing tabular information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.